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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 27, 2007 FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AS A SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(C)
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a July 27, 2007 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants are concurrently submitting a Request For Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, this Amendment is to be treated as a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) accompanying an RCE. A response to the July 27, 2007 Final Office Action is due October 27, 2007. However, since October 27, 2007 falls on a Saturday, a response filed Monday, October 29, 2007, i.e. the next business day, shall be considered timely. Accordingly, the RCE and this Amendment filed as a submission to the RCE are being timely filed.

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